

LORD of HOSTS

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LORD OF HOSTS is the Miller Number Custodial zine. It carries assignments of Miller Numbers, variant game statistics, and material related to the Miller Numbers and the variant Diplomacy hobby in general. Copies will be mailed gratis to all people whom I know to be GMing variant games or to have variant openings; other persons may receive copies by sending me a stamped, addressed envelope. People who start and run variant games are urgently requested to send me copies of their zines, so I can compile variant statistics if the zine folds, or pass on copies to the Variant Orphan Rescue Service (i.e., Ray Heuer). I'm willing to trade URF DUREAL for any zine running variant games or having openings in variant games. Those who do not wish to trade are urgently requested to send me the names of players, GM, zine, and variant at game start; and a complete supply-center breakdown by year as well as player records (i.e., who dropped out when) at the conclusion of the game for publication in LoH.

LORD OF HOSTS is published by the Costikyan Publishing Empire.

Material related to LoH or the Miller Numbers should be addressed to: Greg Costikyan, PO Box 865, Brown University, Providence, RI, 02912 401-863-6940.

1. I fully support the formation of the North American Diplomacy Federation, and when a charter mutually agreeable to all potential Steering Committee members is finalized, I will activate as a Steering Committee member.

2. Konrad Baumeister please note: Miller Number designators are only assigned to variants that are played postally; Naval Diplomacy will be assigned a designator if and when the first postal game of it starts.

THE STAFF OF THE MILLER NUMBERS:

Custodian: Greg Costikyan
Vice Custodian: John Leeder
Associate Custodian for Projects: Robert Sacks
Associate Custodian for Orphans: Ray Heuer
Associate Custodian for Europe: vacant

ANYONE WITH CONNECTIONS IN EUROPE, PLEASE NOTE: Currently there is no one who is assigning Miller Numbers for variant games in Britain and Europe. I desperately need an Associate Custodian for Europe. I will be contacting the few people I know in Britain to suggest an Associate Custodian; I'd appreciate it if you'd do the same.

NOTICE OF HEARING & CALL FOR EVIDENCE: ORPHAN GAMES PROJECT

Over the past few years, functionaries of the IDA have attempted to usurp or seize the functions or office of Raymond Heuer, Director of Orphan Games, Associate MNC and Head of the Variant Orphan Rescue Service. In addition, the IDA Treasurers have refused to honor outstanding subsidies to him for regular orphans placed. The excuse usually given for these acts is that Mr. Heuer is not performing his office.

The office in question is the placement of regular, variant, and other diplomatic games with a new gamesmaster or publisher when the old gamesmaster or publisher defaults or requests it, and the game cannot be placed by the gamesmaster or publisher, or by any regional game insurance group he belongs to.

Any person having evidence of failure of performance of other grounds for complaint should submit a detailed statement to myself, Robert Sacks, 4861 Broadway 5-V, New York, NY, 10034, as soon as possible, in no case later than 1 May 1980. A report of nonperformance should include the game identifier, number of times the orphan was reported to the Director of Orphan Games, how much information was reported to him, and a historical description of the episode. A report of other grounds should be equally descriptive. Mr. Heuer will be given an opportunity to respond to any report, and the report is subject to independent verification by the Variant Ombudsman, Roger Oliver.

Should no detailed report of nonperformance or other grounds be submitted to me by 1 May 1980, this inquiry will be adjourned without further action, and a public report will be made to that effect. If any detailed reports are submitted, I will convene a commission of inquiry consisting of hobby officers who should be able to convene in person. The commission is planned as:

Dennis Agosta, Boardman Number Custodian

John Boardman

Gregory Costikyan, Miller Number Custodian and Capo of DNYMPA

Roger Oliver, Variant Ombudsman

Robert Sacks, Chairman of DVC Administrative Committee, Associate MNC, and Registrar of Orphan Games

In addition, depending on circumstances, the Ombudsman or a ranking official of the IDA and/or the proposed NADF may be invited onto the commission. The commission will meet at some mutually convenient time with Mr. Heuer to determine whether there are any substantial valid complaints against him, and if so, what action should be taken. A public report will be made of the findings.

((signed))

Robert Sacks

In summary: Robert is forming an independent, temporary committee of inquiry to determine whether Ray Heuer is guilty of malfeasance, misfeasance, or wrong-doing in his capacities of Director of Orphan Games, Head of the Variant Orphan Rescue Service, and Associate MNC. If you have any evidence of such, please submit it to Robert Sacks (address above).

MILLER NUMBER DESIGNATORS ASSIGNED SINCE 1 SEPTEMBER 1979:

ja---Small World Diplomacy (Fred Davis) jf---Bhearna Baoghail
 jb---Machiavelli (James G. Wood)
 jc---Swiss Diplomacy II (Fred Davis)
 jd---Atlantica III (?)
 je---Dual Space (Fred Davis)

GAME ENDS & WRAP-UPS SINCE LAST ISSUE

(If any of you know of any variant games which have ended since 1977 and have not been reported in LoH, PLEASE inform me immediately).

76Egy (United States Diplomacy III)

Zine: Bushwacker. GM: Fred Davis. California: Victory Ricci (res F25), Tom Tompkins (dro W27), Chip Charnley. Chesapeake: Ed Feuerherd (dro F23), Rollie Straten. Dixie: Jerry Montgomery. Lakeland: Roy Taylor (dro F22), Tony Zahn. New England: Stephen Locke (dro F31), C.D. Northwest: Bill Clumm (rep S22), Bob Johnson. Texas: Garry Smight (res W25), Walter Compton.

	1921	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
California	5	6	7*	6	7	6	4	2	2	1	-	
Chesapeake	5**	4	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Dixie	5	6	6	8	9	14**	12	15*	14	12	9	
Lakeland	5**	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
New England	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7	8	8*	8	
Northwest	5**	7*	7	10**	9	7	10*	11	11	13	16	WINS
Texas	6	7	7	6	5	2	2	3*	3*	4**	5	

77ATdy (Atlantica IIR)

Zine: Bushwacker. GM: Fred Davis. England: Mark Burden. France: Steve Ball (res Nov1870), Steve Brooks (dro Mar1871), John Sokol (res Jun 1871), C.D. Germany: Dan Mathias. Italy: Herb Barents. Canada: Bob Johnson. USA: Chip Charnley. CSA: Bill Young.

	Start	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	
			1870				1871			
England	4	5	6	7	9	11	13*	14	12	(Third Place)
France	4	6	6	7	7	6	1	-	-	
Germany:	4	6	8	6	2	2	3*	2	2	(Fourth Place)
Italy:	4	7	8	9	10	9	7	5	1	(Fifth Place)
Canada	4	3	4	5*	7*	7	9	10	12	(Co-Winner)
USA	5	6	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	
CSA	4	7	10*	12*	11	12	14	16	20*	(Co-Winner)

An alliance victory was declared by CSA and Canada.

78Fha (Flintlock II)

Zine: Runestone. GM: John Leeder. Algonkins: Don Berry (dro F1653), Steve Norris (WON S1656). English Colonies: Robert Fisher (WON S1656). French Colonies: Norm Dunbar (res S1652), Raynald Provost (out F1652). Iroquois: Victor Melucci. Ohio Tribes: Robert Paquin (dro F1654), Steve Cartier. Wandat: Doug Hayward (dro S1654), Robert Cheek.

	1650	51	52	53	54	55	56	
Algonkin	8	9	13**	15*	17**	19***		JOINT VICTOR
English Col.	7	9	12	14	16**	14*		JOINT VICTOR
French Col.	6**	4**	-	-	-	-		
Iroquois	6	8*	6	3*	1*	1*		(Fall 1656 was not played).
Ohio Tribes	5	9	12	14*	14**	17***		
Wandat	5	4	4	4	3	1		

78Kiv (2-ManHistorial)

Zine: The Brutus Bulletin. GM: John Michalski. Central Powers; Craig A. Reges. Allies: William L. Shaffer.

	1900	01	02	
Central Powers:				WINS
Austria	3	5	8	
Germany	3	4	5	
Turkey	3	5	6	
Allies:				
England	3	5	5	
France	3	5	5	
Russia	4	4	2	
Italy (C.D.)	3	3	3	

The Central Powers won by concession in W02.

78Mgo

Zine: Urf Durfal, Granson of Pouch. GM: Scott Rosenberg. Austria: Tom Gould, England: Tim Riley (dro F01), Paul Stevens. France: Robert Goldman. Germany: Robert Stimmel. Italy: Dave Barlow. Russia: Greg Costikyan. Turkey: Conrad von Metzke (dro F01), Bill Newell

	01
Austria	5
England	5
France	4
Germany	6
Italy	4
Russia	4
Turkey	4

The game was abandoned after Spring 1902 because the GM became incommunicado, both of Urf's other GM's were players, and time dragged on while I tried to get Scott to revive the game until it became pointless.

780iw (2-Man FAR vs. TIE)

Zine: The Brutus Bulletin (to W01), Against the Odds (folded S02).
GM: John Michalski (to W01), Craig Reges (to S02). TIE: Jack Frost.
AFR: Bernard Tretick, playing under the pseudonym "Bernie Oaklyn".
Germany: Civil Disorder.

	1901
England	3
Italy	3
Turkey	5
Austria	5
France	5
Russia	6
Germany	3

After S02, Against the Odds folded and the game was abandoned.

78Piw (2-Man FAR vs. TIE)

Zine: The Brutus Bulletin (to W01), Against the Odds (folded S02).
GM: John Michalski (to W01), Craig Reges (to S02). TIE: Jack Frost.
FAR: Bernard Tretick, playing under the pseudonym "Bernie Oaklyn".
Germany: Civil Disorder

	1901
England	4
Italy	3
Turkey	4
Austria	3
France	5
Russia	5
Germany	3

After S02, Against the Odds folded and the game was abandoned.

79Jhg (Imperator)

Zine: Runestone. GM: John Leeder. African Commander: Arthur Lowe.
Danube Commander: Victor Melucci. Emperor: Steve Payne (wins W236).
Rhine Commander: Robert Paquin (dro. S235), Raynald Provost. Syrian
Commander: Dan MacLellan.

	235	236
African	6	6
Danube	6	8**
Emperor	13**	15** WINS
Rhine	6	8
Syrian	6	8

The Emperor won by a special
victory criterion which gives
victory to any player with a
five-unit advantage over his
nearest competitor.

79Lfh (Gunboat Colonia V)

Zine: The Home Office. GM: Fred Hyatt. Austria: Phil Cooper. China:
Bert Leighton. England: Walter Blank. France: Conrad Struckman.
Netherlands: Robert Cheek. Ottoman: Karl Schuetz. Portugal: Eugene
Paulson. Russia: Bob Kluge. Spain: John Zipper.

	1750	51	52	53	
Austria:	10	13	17	19	DRAW
China	8	10	13	16	DRAW
England:	10	15	22	26	DRAW
France:	8	12	15	15	
Netherlands:	9	11	11	11	
Ottomans:	10	13	12	13	
Portugal:	9	13	10	9	
Russia:	13	16	14	9	
Spain:	9	9	9	9	

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77ATdy ATLANTICA IIR Zine: Bushwacker. GM: Fred Davis. England: Mark Burden. France: Steve Ball. Germany: Dan Mathias. Italy: Herb Barents. Canada: Bob Johnson. USA: Chip Charnley. CSA: Bill Young.

78Uja SMALL WORLD II Zine: Bushwacker. GM: Fred Davis. Africa: Crag A. Reges. China: Vernon Schaller. Islam: Karl E. Schuetz. North America: Mark S. Burden. Pacific Empire: John Sokol. Russia: Victor Melucci. South America: Victor Ricci. Western Europe: "Chip" Charnley.

79Nid BLIND MADMAN Zine: The Brutus Bulletin. GM: John Michalski. A: Jack Frost. E: Robert Shurtleff. F: Gary Howe. G: Madman. I: D. S. Palter. R: Monty Hayuer. T: Bill Shaffer.

79Ojb MACHIAVELLI Zine: Urf Durfal, Grandson of Pouch. GM: Greg Costikyan. Austria: Larry Elliott. Florence: Dennis Sulsberger. France: Marc Arrigo. Milan: Peter Herzig. Naples: Paul Stevens. Ottomans: Brian Gister. Papacy: David Fields. Venice: Alex Polsky

79Pja ATLANTICA III Zine: Politician. GM: Konrad Baumeister. Canada: Chip Charnely. CSA: Fred Davis. England: Hooton. France: Cheek. Germany: Harding. Italy: Cooper. USA: Jan Luckenbill

80Aje DUAL SPACE DIPLOMACY Zine: Bushwacker. GM: Fred Davis. A: Ed Bapple. E: William Young. F: Victor Melucci. G: Vernon E. Schaller. I: Robert Cheek. R: Chip Charnley. T: Jan Luckenbill.

80Bjf BHEARNA BAOGHAIL Zine: ~~Bhain-Nacha~~. GM: Michael Mills. Connacht: Kevin Mooney. England: Glen Ledder. Leinster: Nick Russon. Munster: Gary Coughlan. Tirconnel: David Perlmutter. Ulaidh: Vernon Schaller.

80Cjb MACHIAVELLI Zine: The Shogun's Word. GM: Tom Swider. Austria: Gurski. Florence: Strain. France: Ashley. Milan: O'Brien. Naples: Smith. Papacy: Palter. Ottomans: Reynolds. Venice: Penner.

80Dhd GRAND TOURNAMENT Zine: Rebus Sic Stantibus. GM: Drew McGee. Austria: Head & Vie: Emmet Peal. Bud: John Kelly. Tri: Paul Findlay. England: Head & Lvp: Russel Blau. Edi: Bob Kerstetter. Lon: Curtis B. Herbert III. France: Head & Par: Mike Allen. Mar: Michael Mills. Bre: Robert Stimmel. Germany: Head & Ber: Jake Walters. Kie: Bernie Oaklyn. Mun: Jim Bumpas. Italy: Head & Rom: Clark Reynolds. Nap: Robert R.

Olsen. Ven: Dennis Klein. Turkey: Head & Con: Charles Doehrer.
Ank: Vincent Tsao. Smy: John Shimer. Russia: Head & Mos: Greg Costikyan.
Sev: Dan S. Palter. StP: Tony Watson. War: Philip McGee.

80Ecv YOUNGSTOWN IV Zine: Politician. GM: Konrad Baumeister. Aus-
tria-Hungary: Phil Paulson. China: Victor Dupont. England: Phil
Cooper. France: Gene Paulson. Germany: Fred Hyatt. India: Bob Kluge.
Italy: Bob Cheek. Japan: Salvatore Colombo. Russia: Gene Prosnitz.
Turkey: Chip Charnley.

80Ffh GUNBOAT COLONIA V Zine: The Home Office. GM: Fred Hyatt.
Players' names withheld by request.

The second issue of ARDA, the North American Variant Bank's information
zine, is now out. The cost is \$1.10. The issue contains a complete
topical catalogue of games obtainable from the Bank and others, an
alphabetical listing of the same games, and an alphabetical listing of
all other variants known to the Bank. (16 pages, over 300 variants in
the first list).

The third issue will contain articles on the Cline 9-Man and Mercator
variants...plus corrections and additions to the catalogue. ARDA will
be publishing playtest variants and other materials as these become
available.

Subscriptions to ARDA are at the rate of 5¢ per page plus postage, plus
2¢ for the envelope. ARDA will trade with other zines, but is very
irregular.

Write: NAVB, c/o Rod Walker, 1273 Crest Dr., Encinitas, CA, 92024.
Prices in US currency only; make checks payable to R. C. Walker. Rod
will answer inquiries about variants and NAVB, but requires a stamped,
address envelope with each.

KNOWN VARIANT OPENINGS (Compiled by Robert Sacks)
(* indicates game which must be bought)

Jack Brawner,
FLYING DUTCHMAN, gamefee and sub unknown
Machiavelli World War III, Youngstown

Greg Costkian, PO Box 865, Brown University, Providence, RI, 02912
URF DURFAL, 4 week issues, gamefee + sub 7/\$2
Junta* (gamefee of \$1), Fiat Lux (\$1)

Fred C. Davis Jr., 1427 Clairidge Rd, Baltimore, MD, 21207
BUSHWACKER, montly, gamefee \$7 (includes map, rules, game-length sub)
Dual Space/Overlapping Seas

David Grabar, 12861 Ave 18¹/₂, Chowchilla, CA, 93610
ITALIANO PRIBE
Blind Madman

John Kelley, Box 35, Klickitat, WA, 98628
THE BEHOLDER, irregular, \$3 gamefee + sub 30¢/1
Blind

John Lipscomb, 1201 Osler St, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7N 0T8, CANADA
ASSORTED GARBAGE, 4 week deadlines, deposit \$1 + sub 5/\$1 Can
Ancient Empires II, Growth, Mountain, South African, Winter 1900,
World War III, any other variant suggested

Steve McLendon, Box 57066, Webster, TX, 77598
THE DRAGON & THE LAMB
Colonia V, Holocaust

John Michalski, Rt 10, Box 526Q, Moore, OK, 73165
BRUTUS BULLETIN, biweekly, gamefee \$2 plus sub
Blind Madman

Robert Sacks, 4861 Broadway 5-V, New York, NY, 10034
HANSARD (subzine of the FLYING ORPHAN), monthly, gamefee \$3 + sub
Parlement

Bruce Schneier, 455 E 17 St, Brooklyn, NY, 11226
CONQUEST, triweekly, gamefee \$2.50 + sub 4/\$1
Divine Right*

Tom Swider, 1183 Robinson Hill Rd, Endwell, NY, 13760,
THE SHOGUN'S SWORD, monthly, gamefee \$1 + sub \$5/year
Middle Sea*, Kingmaker*

Stephen Tihor (Arkivist), 32 Washington Sq. W., New York, NY, 10003
SLOBINPOLIT ZHURNAL, 4 week deadlines, gamefee \$2 + sub 1¢/page + postage
Slobbovia (in progress)
1-do not join immediately; subscribe for several issues first
2-publishers of other zines should check special responsibilities
with Arkivist before joining.

Tony Watson, 201 Minnesota St, Las Vegas, NV, 89107
RURITANIA
Ancient Empires II, Holocaust

The above list of variant and diplomatic gaming game openings is kept
up to date by Robert Sacks; you are requested to publicize it. If you
know of any other openings, or know that some of the openings listed no
longer exist, please contact Robert at 4861 Broadway, Apt. 5V, New York,
NY, 10034.

CONSPIRACY, the NYC Diplomacy & Fantasy Gaming Convention, will be
July 4-6 at the Prince George Hotel in New York, in conjunction with
EMPIRICON II, the NYC Science Fiction Convention. There will be a
Diplomacy tournament, a house FRP campaign, open gaming, and panels
on diplomatic and sf/f gaming. Registration is \$7.50 until June 21,
\$9 at the door, plus \$1 for the tournament. Write to: TESSFA, PO Box 682,
Church Street Station, New York, NY, 10008

DIPCON XIII will be held 6-8 June in conjunction with MichiCon at Oakland University, Rochester, MI (just north of Detroit). For further information, contact MichiCon IX, PO Box 787, Troy, MI, 48099.

The GAME DESIGNERS' GUILD is an organization of game-design professionals, whose purpose is to provide services for gaming professionals and to serve the interests of designers and developers. Commercially published designers or developers are eligible for Full Membership (\$15 per annum); other interested parties are eligible for Associate Memberships. Associate Membership gives the member the right to vote for the Guild Professional Awards, as well as a subscription to the GDG Newsletter. Interested parties should contact Greg Costikyan, Secretary, PO Box 865, Brown University, Providence, RI, 02912.

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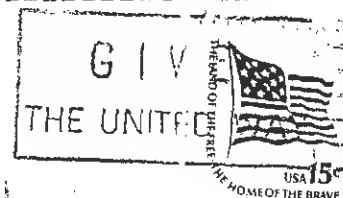
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